



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ALASKA
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Time Standards for Ordering Operational Rations, (DOL Policy Number 4-43)

1. References:

- a. AR 30-22, The Army Food Program, 30 Aug 02
- b. DA PAM 30-22, Operational Procedures for the Army Food Program, 30 Aug 02.
- c. Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP), Contract Number SP0300-99-D-Z203.

2. Purpose: To provide commanders with essential information for planning and establishing unit field accounts under field-feeding scenarios.

3. General:

a. Commanders are authorized to determine the best method for feeding soldiers in a local training area (LTA), (i.e. mermite from garrison, or field kitchen account), when the training is scheduled for one to four (1-4) days in duration. All training exercises in excess of four (4) days will require the Commander to establish a field ration account with the supporting Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA).

b. Army policy mandates the use of Unitized Group Ration "A" (UGR-A) when a Commander chooses the "A" ration option to support a field training exercise. The UGR-A has a shelf life of 5 months from the date of manufacture and requires a minimum thirty-day order-ship time. The UGR-A option is built to order by the Direct Vendor Delivery (DVD) and is not stocked in the TISA. The Prime Vendor, Labatt Food, assembles the required rations upon receipt of a valid delivery order. Due to contract specified order-ship time and the potential for short shipments, units requesting the UGR-A must submit all documents through the Food Advisor/Supervisor to the TISA NLT twenty one (21) working days prior to the start of the exercise.

c. The UGR Heat and Serve (H&S) is the replacement ration for the Unitized Tray Pack Ration. The UGR H&S has a shelf life of 18 Months from the date of manufacture.

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Based on the shelf life of the H&S UGR and prior history of spoilage due to lack of movement they are not stocked at the TISA.

d. To maximize support, units must submit requests for UGR-A and UGR-H&S through their respective Food Advisor/Supervisor to the Food Program Manager (FPM) 45 days prior to the exercise start date. The FPM will review requests in accordance with references above and forward them to the TISA. Units requesting rations after the 45 day window may not receive the type of rations requested. If a delivery order has not been placed with the vendor, units may still cancel requests up to the 21st working day prior to the start of training.

e. Training operation commanders/unit commanders should ensure all applicable elements outlined in the "Organization and Operations Plan for Subsistence Requirements Outline" (see app. H, ref. 1b above) must be included in the planning for subsistence support for training exercises in the LTA or during training operations (for example, Cobra Gold, Northern Edge).

f. Unit requests for operational rations (UGR-A, UGR-H&S, RCW, MRE) will be approved and signed by the Commander prior to submission to the TISA. Additionally, the responsible Adjutant will sign all Garrison Support requests (format at encl. 1) and DA Form 5913, Strength and Feeder Report in remarks block, requiring FAO action. A standard line name roster, will accompany all requests for support of 50 personnel or less.

4. Commanders' emergency requests for rations will be handled on a case by case basis. Improper planning on a unit's behalf does not constitute an emergency. The FPM will review all emergency requests.

5. POC is Gary Rosynek, 384-1841.

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FROM:_____

MEMORANDUM THRU: S-1 Officer, PAC (Unit):_____

Food Program Manager: Mr. Gary J. Rosynek

FOR: Food Operations Sergeant: SFC Reddin

SUBJECT: Garrison Support, Per DA Pam 30-22, paragraph 4-3 & FM 10-23-2, page 1-5.

1. Nature of requirement:_____

2. Number of personnel requiring rations:_____

Meal Card Holders (SIK) _____ Field Meal Cards (DFAS) _____ Cash (BAS) _____ Total _____

3. Meals required: (5 day maximum per memorandum)

a. Field requirement: date(s) FROM _____ TO _____

b. This memorandum covers date(s) FROM _____ TO _____

c. Enter the appropriate type of ration(s) requested: A=A Ration (Mermite), MRE= Meals Ready to Eat, BL=Box Lunch, WB= Warming Beverage, or Other (Specify) _____

| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Breakfast</u> | <u>Lunch</u> | <u>Dinner</u> |
|----|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

4. Pickup information:

a. Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner _____

b. MRE's will be picked up on: _____

c. Individual(s) designated to pickup meal(s):

Name _____ Rank (E-4 or above) _____ Phone: _____

5. I certify that BAS recoupment and/or payroll deduction has been/will submitted for personnel participating in this field training. **This memorandum does not alleviate the commander's responsibility to submit a DA Form 5913 (Strength and Feeder Report), IAW AR 30-22 and DA PAM 30-22, 30 August 2002.**

S-1 Officer
(Signature and Date)

Unit Commander
(Signature Block)

DFAC Food Service Officer
(Signature)

NOTE: The above information is required when meals are requested from the Dining Facility. When signature headcount procedures are used and there is a deviation in excess of 10% between meals requested on the commander's memorandum and the actual headcount signatures and meals sold for cash, an investigation will be conducted by the commander having operational control of the supporting dining facility. Headcount and cash collection forms will be turned into the Food Service Sergeant. A by-name roster is will be needed if headcount is 50 personnel or less. DFAS action will be taken if necessary. MRE (Meal Ready to Eat) and RCW (Ration Cold Weather) require 100% accountability. Any MRE/RCW meals not supported by headcount data must be returned to the Dining Facility. A Report of Survey will correct shortage, per above reference Army Regulation.